



## IOWA VETERANS HOME

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### **Veterans Honor Marshalltown War Hero with Donation to IVH**

Michael Smith and Paul Ladd recently presented over \$1,600 to the Iowa Veterans Home (IVH) to benefit veteran residents. The funds were donated in honor of Marshalltown Vietnam War hero LCpl Darwin L. Judge. Judge was one of the last two men killed in action during the Fall of Saigon on April 29, 1975.

Judge's mother, Ida Judge (of Marshalltown), was also on hand for the presentation. She said she is "proud and honored that everyone remembered Darwin in this way."

Smith, also a Vietnam Era Veteran, spearheaded the effort on behalf of the Northern Illinois Chapter of the Leathernecks Motorcycle Club, Inc. He says, "As we know, not all veterans entered military service as a choice. Whether volunteering or being drafted, these Veterans [at the Iowa Veterans Home] served this country to preserve the rights and freedoms we all enjoy today. I believe this is one way we can all show our appreciation and remembrance."

IVH Volunteer Services Director Diane Lemker said, "IVH residents will benefit greatly from this effort. They are so appreciative of people like Smith who remember their sacrifices. The ongoing monetary donations from charitable organizations help meet the residents' needs."

The funds will be used for recreational activities, Canteen Books, and to purchase Christmas gifts for residents.

The Iowa Veterans Home is a leader in providing individualized quality health care for over 720 Iowa veterans and their spouses. IVH coordinates innovative health care methods and medical solutions for veterans and their spouses. Our expertise in nursing, medical, rehabilitative care and mental health services is strengthened by over 1,000 employees and a state service and support network of many veterans organizations represented throughout all 99 Iowa counties.

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*Pictured l to r: Michael Smith, Diane Lemker, Ida Judge, Boone Co. Veterans Service Officer Paul Ladd*